MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

October 2018 – The next regular MNS meeting will be held on October 18, 2018, 7 PM at our usual location in the Mayfair Mall Community Room, lower level. Raffle prizes will be drawn on that date. The annual banquet will take place on October 27, 6 PM, at Alioto's, 3041 N. Mayfair Rd.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road). The annual MNS coin show is held in October.

October Coin of the Month: This month we have a 2010 presidential dollar of Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States, encapsulated and graded Brilliant Uncirculated by NGC. A great coin for any collection at a fraction of the certification cost. Bidding starts at onlyt $8. Bid high for this neat item.

October 2018 MNS President's Message

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and patience last month when we were forced to meet in an alternative meeting space. We will be back to our normal location this month, and it should be interesting to see what kinds of upgrades and improvements they made to the meeting room. After much deliberation and consideration, it has been decided by a majority of the board members to remain in our current meeting location in spite of the fact that we will now be assessed a $30/hour rental fee for the space. It is very difficult to find a good and reliable meeting space, particularly one that is free. We have been lucky enough to use this same space for well over a decade now at no charge, so now I guess it is time to pay the piper as they say. In the future, if anyone has any suggestions I am certainly open to alternative ideas.

Despite our change of meeting location last month it seemed like we had excellent attendance, or maybe it was just because the room itself was a little bit smaller. Either way, our guest speaker Andy Kimmel gave a wonderful presentation on how to be smart and savvy when purchasing coins for your collection. Some of the stories he told from his history as a dealer seem so far-fetched and sad that it is hard to believe they are true. It really is our duty as knowledgeable collectors to try and educate the public on how they can avoid getting ripped off and taken advantage of in the industry. Good words of wisdom: to always buy the reference book first, make sure you have a quality loupe, and that certified coins are not the end all/be all in marketplace. Thanks Andy for giving us a very interesting and educational presentation!

By the time you receive this newsletter our coin show will have come and gone for another year. Thanks to everyone who helped play a role in making it a success. Next up will be our annual club banquet at Alioto's. Those who volunteered the requisite hours at the show will have a complimentary ticket to the banquet. Our guest speaker that evening will be Amanda Seligman, who is a professor of history at UW-Milwaukee. She will be presenting about the ongoing organization of the Milwaukee Encyclopedia that is being compiled online. It should be educational and elusive, so hopefully we will have a great turn out at the banquet.

The time of year has come once again for the nominating committee to be tasked with trying to find officers to fill various roles of responsibility. As far as I know all positions are up for grabs to whomever might want to take on the challenge. There is an open trustee position, you could throw your hat in the ring for sargent at arms, or maybe even president. Please just let the nominating committee know by the end of October so that a slate can be presented to the club at the November meeting and subsequently voted upon at the December meeting.

Our 1,000th regular membership meeting is quickly approaching, which will come to pass in April of 2019. This is a huge milestone for our club! We will of course be offering a commemorative medal for all members that attend the meeting that evening. Looking back on the history of our club I think it would be appropriate to assemble a collection of old photos and any other memorabilia that club members out there might have. Please begin to think about this and look through your files for something that you might be able to bring and share with the club that evening. I would like show and tell that evening to be focused on anything related to MNS history. As Wisconsin's largest and oldest coin club we have a long and storied history, so now would be a great time to reflect upon it.

Happy Collecting,
Justin J. Perrault
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MNS is sad to announce the passing of Walter "Wally" Weis on September 23, at the age of 86. Wally was one of the founders of the South Shore Coin Club and one of its principal movers and shakers for many decades. RIP, Wally, we will miss you and your unique personality.--Editor

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Schedule

Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 18:	Officer Inductions; Post-Holiday BINGO game
Feb 15:	U.S. Coins Trivia Program hosted by Neil Shafer
March 15:	Peter Jacobsohn-Anesthetic History
April 19:	Slabbed vs. Raw Coins presentation by Tom Casper
May 17:	Spring Auction
June 21:	Tom Dallmann: Grading Test
July 14:	Club Outing to Medalcraft Mint Green Bay, WI (10:00 AM)
July 19:	NO MEETING
Aug 16:	Expanded Show and Tell
Sept 20:	Andy Kimmel: "Collecting, Coin Dealers, and How to Turn a Profit"
Oct 18:	Raffle Ticket Prize Drawing
Nov 15:	Autumn Auction; Election Slate
Dec 20:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections

PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

2018 Numismatic Events

October 7:	MNS Coin Show – Serb Hall 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. 9:00 – 4:00 PM
October 27:	MNS Banquet-Alioto's 6:00 PM Social; 6:30 PM Dinner

Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	Don Kaminski
Feb:	Open
Mar:	Dave H.
Apr:	John B.
May:	Open
Jun:	Tom D.
Jul:	NO MEETING
Aug:	Justin P.
Sep:	Gary B.
Oct:	John B.
Nov:	Jim H.
Dec:	Holiday Party

Annual Dues

Dues for 2019 are $10. Please pay Leon A. at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886.** Thanks to those who have paid.

The Oct. 7, 2018, MNS Coin Show was jammed!!!

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

September 20, 2018

President Justin Perrault called the 993rd meeting of the MNS to order at 6:58pm. There were 27 members & 4 guests in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by Holly S, Robin R, Dave H, Jordan H, James K, Tom C, Scott B, Stacy G, Bob G, Leon S, Jim H, and Chris K.

Future Meeting Location: Currently Mayfair Mall is renovating the room we have been meeting in. Once the renovation is completed Mayfair will charge us to use the room starting in November. The club will meet at Mayfair Mall for our October meeting but after October we will be meeting in the Firefly room at the Wauwatosa Library. The time will also change starting in November. Instead of meeting at 7:00 PM the Club will meet at 6:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. At the library there is plenty of parking, no stairs involved, and they allow food/refreshments.

Coin of the Month: Steve J won the coin of the month, a Proof 1991-S Proof 69 Roosevelt Dime, with a winning bid of $12.

Treasurer's Report: John B reported that August showed net receipts of $8.00 and $155.02 in net disbursements for a negative net cash flow of $-147.02.

Correspondence: The Numismatist.

Vice President Report: As of now our refreshment schedule and program schedule is full. The Club's holiday party is in December.

Annual Banquet: The Club's annual banquet is October 27, 2018 at Alioto's Restaurant in Wauwatosa. Cocktail hours starts at 6:00PM and Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. You may decide what entree you would like the day of the banquet but please let Jim H know at least 5 days before the banquet if you will be attending.

Newsletter: Newsletter articles are always appreciated. Brief reminiscences of great circulation finds, local experiences, etc. are appreciated additions.

Milwaukee Numismatic Society Coin Show: The Club's annual coin show is Sunday, October 7th, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the American Serb Memorial Hall on West Oklahoma Avenue. If you signed up to setup, then please show up at 6:00 AM sharp. Anyone else who signed up to help volunteer during to show please do your best to show up at your spot on time.

Show & Tell: Jordan H – World War II coins and family photographs, Leon S – 1924 Transit Zinc Token from Honolulu, Neil S – 1933 Huey Long Medal, Howard – Coin Checklist Book, James K - 20 Cent S/S

ANA Scholarship: The club has decided to abolish the full scholarship and issue two partial scholarship capped at $1,000.00 each. However, the requirements to obtain a scholarship remain the same.

Program: Andy Kimmel of Paragon Numismatics gave an invigorating talk on "Collecting, Coin Dealers, and How to Turn a Profit."

The meeting was informally adjourned at 8:56 pm by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by James Kubley

Karl Kohls, Shorewood Coin Shop Founder R.I.P.

By Fred Borgmann

Sad News. I just learned that Karl Kohls passed away last March in Las Vegas. Karl was the founder of the Shorewood Coin Shop. He was born and raised in Milwaukee, served in the Merchant Marine and the U. S. Army. He was a "Prince" among coin dealers. Young and beginning collectors were always welcome in his shop. He never missed an opportunity to pass along numismatic information, free copies of The Numismatist magazine and encouragement to his friends and customers even while on the job as an award-winning bar tender at the Embers on East Kilbourn Avenue. After the harrowing experience of being held hostage at gun point during an armed robbery at the Embers, Karl moved to a "safer place" in Las Vegas as a bar tender at the MGM Grand from which he retired. While in Vegas he ran a weekend coin shop in an indoor flea market for many years. Karl will never be forgotten by those of us who had the good fortune to have known him. Attached are photos of Karl with a feathered friend at his Las Vegas coin shop and another with his boxers.

AN ART MEDAL FOR THE ARTS IN MILWAUKEE
By Tom Casper

The arts in Milwaukee had their beginning in about 1872 when a number of organizations were formed to promote culture in the city. They presented art exhibitions and expected to establish an art gallery and formal art school. Exhibitions were held at Exposition Hall, Milwaukee's showplace for industry and culture.

The first permanent art gallery, in Milwaukee, the Layton Art Gallery, was built by businessman Frederick Layton in 1888. (fig. 1 & 2). Layton provided the gallery with a $100,000 endowment and thirty-eight paintings. Civic-minded individuals formed the Milwaukee Art Association. The Milwaukee Art Association moved in 1911 to a building on N. Jefferson St. near the Layton Art Gallery and became the Milwaukee Art Society. After 1916 the name was changed to the Milwaukee Art Institute (fig. 3).

In 1957 the Layton Art Gallery moved the Layton Collection and the Milwaukee Art Institute to the War Memorial Center on the shore of Lake Michigan. They moved into their new quarters, and together became the Milwaukee Art Center. In 1980, the Milwaukee Art Center changed its name to the Milwaukee Art Museum.

It was 2001 when renowned Spanish architect, Santiago Calatrava, designed the Quadracci Pavilion attached to the War Memorial Center (fig. 4). Today, the Milwaukee Art Museum is the largest such museum in Wisconsin, housing a collection of more than 30,000 works.

The obverse of this medal reads MILWAUKEE ART INSTITUTE/ (a seminude seated woman holding a Lamp of Knowledge and laurel leaves)/(sculptor) A.H. Atkins. The reverse reads, FINE ARTS/ (eternal flame)/ (recipient's name scratched out) /1941/MEDAL OF AWARD. The edge is marked Medallic Art Co. N.Y. Fine Silver (.999). It measures 69.1mm, weighs 139.8 grams and has a silver patina (fig. 5 & 6). According to Medallic Art records, the Milwaukee Art Institute ordered silver and bronze award medals in 1932. They have no records of how many medals were struck in silver or bronze.

Numismatically, an art medal is defined as being made from an artist' model and are miniature works of art created by artists with highly artistic designs. They are struck on a medal press, with multiple strikes, most often with a high relief. They have a patina finish, are not mass-produced and almost never reeded. Art medals bear no denomination and most are larger than 2 inches,

Artist Albert Henry Atkins (1880-1951), born in Milwaukee, sculpted this medal. He became well known for his monuments and portraits in sculpture. In 1915 he designed a bronze plaque of scientist, Increase Lapham, which is on display on the campus of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. After leaving Milwaukee, he moved to Boston, Massachusetts, to attend Cowies Art School, and then Rhode Island where he became a member of the faculty of the Rhode Island School of Design, Department of Sculpture. He also studied in Paris, France. He died in 1951 in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

A search of the Milwaukee Art Museum archives produced only one reference to this medal. It appeared on the front cover of their April, 1941 bulletin (fig. 7). This medal was apparently awarded at the 28th Annual Exhibition of Wisconsin Art held in that month. The archives were void of any information on how many medals were ordered, how many medals were issued over the years or who were awarded these medals. This rare medal was unknown to the Art Museum and is the only one I have seen. If you are an art lover, you may want to plan a visit to the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Editor's Comment: It is sad that a beautiful work of medallic art, which this is, should today be unknown to the museum staff and unacknowledged in its archives. Medals are sculpture and they deserve better recognition.

Milwaukee Art Institute Medal

LAYTON ART GALLERY, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Willi Hoffmann

MILWAUKEE
ART INSTITUTE

Coin club officers scam targets?

By L.A. Saryan

You've won the international lottery! A long-lost relative has passed away in a foreign country and left you an inheritance of $8.2 million! And all you need to do to claim your money is pay the transaction fees and share a small proportion of the inheritance with the bank official who discovered it. And, of course, for the sake of privacy, be discreet. Whatever you do, don't inform the authorities.

Before the Internet days, I used to receive such appeals by airmail. Now, anyone who uses the Internet regularly has encountered spam emails like this. The scams have proliferated a thousandfold. They get your email address and send you an outlandish proposal, spelling out a few far-fetched details. The appeals often come from overseas; stilted text and the email reply address give the source away. Most of our readers are too intelligent and alert to fall for such schemes, and they dissipate into cyberspace.

Last week, I received a different kind of appeal, one that to my mind was much more dangerous. I received a communication from someone purporting to be the president of our local numismatic club, asking me to contact them right away to pay an outstanding bill owed to a vendor. They had my correct name and the president's correct name. They provided an email address including the words "club president" that I could reply to. The grammar and spelling did not arouse any suspicion. It almost seemed legitimate.

I noted a couple of problems. I am not a club treasurer, so paying delinquent club invoices does not ordinarily fall within my responsibilities. And I was also tipped off by the return email address; it wasn't an email that I recognized as belonging to anyone in our club. Since some of my contact information is available on our numismatic club website, I suspect that someone (the scammer) mined information from that site to construct the appeal.

In the Internet world, some may have perhaps forgotten how to contact their friends by that old technology known as the telephone, or even in person. So I gave the real club president a phone call and saw him the next day at a gathering. Sure enough, I confirmed that the request to make the payment was a scam.

The next step I took was kind of daring. I replied to the suspicious email asking for more details, namely how much money should I send to the alleged vendor and where should I mail it to. Within a few

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This "Viewpoint" was written by L. A. Saryan, a hobbyist in Wisconsin.

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hours, I received a reply asking for more than $1,000 to be forwarded to a woman with an address in Virginia. I also asked if the expense was for a specific purpose (which I knew we had not incurred), and was told that, yes, I was correct.

This was nothing more than a deceptive "phishing" scam. Needless to add, the perpetrator will not be getting a cent from me.

Here's a warning to anyone involved in a coin club or, indeed, any organization with a website. If an electronic mail request involves money, beware. Before taking any action, confirm that the request is legitimate. The Internet offers many conveniences, but it is also laden with people using nefarious schemes to cheat people out of their hard-earned money.